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**MINUTES OF THE 14 MARCH 2006  
AREA COMMANDERS' QUALITY OF LIFE POLICY BOARD MEETING**

1. Ms. Ryan, Quality of Life Director, Morale, Welfare and Recreation, Naval Support Detachment Monterey, opened the meeting at 1306 on Tuesday, 14 March 2006, in the La Novia Room, Herrmann Hall, Naval Postgraduate School (NPS).

2. Area Commander's Quality Of Life Policy Board Attendees

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3. Ms. Ryan asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. CAPT Herron made a motion to approve the minutes as written, and CDR Suess seconded.

4. Old Business

a. Ms. Ryan. We have completed phase one of the El Prado Room renovation this past week. When the self-help crew removed

the bar and tile work from the wall behind the bar, they uncovered the historical Moira Wallace Bali mural that was completed in 1931. There is a lot of interest from the Monterey History and Art Association. The intent is to restore the painting; the NPS Foundation is trying to raise funds to complete the restoration. In the meantime, we have put up a temporary wall to separate this area so we can continue to provide dining services in the El Prado Room.

We are anticipating that in approximately one month we will begin the HAZMAT abatement; there is asbestos in the ceiling tiles and in the tile work underneath the carpeting. Then the actual renovation, phase three, of the project will begin.

During the renovation when we have to close the El Prado Room; breakfast and lunch services will continue and will be served in the ballroom.

The renovation timeline is as follows: in approximately one month we are going to be doing the HAZMAT abatement of the dining room; the dining room will be closed during that period. Then the actual renovation will begin, that will be a three to four month process. Once the HAZMAT abatement begins, the El Prado Dining Room will be closed for service. They have not finalized the schedules yet, but once I do receive them, the schedules will be announced through the official bulk mail.

## 5. New Business

a. Ms. Ryan, Swimming Pool Support and Access for the PRT Program (Submitted by the SEA at FNMOC). They have been using the CSUMB pool, but now the policy has changed.

Mr. Dausen. CSUMB has a reciprocal arrangement with Park Pinnacle which allows the residents of The Parks to use the pool for free. Otherwise, there is a fee to use the CSUMB pool. There is a fee to use the Monterey Sports Center pool as well.

Mr. Ryan. In the past MWR was able to subsidize the active duty to use the pool, but when our appropriated funds were cut, we had to discontinue the agreement with the Monterey Sports Center.

Mr. Dausen. The La Mesa pool is not an appropriate pool for PRT. It is designed for family use and is too small.

CAPT Herron. I will need to check with CSUMB about whether a fee would be required if it is being used for an official PRT.

COL Smarsh. LT Ramirez is assessing the pool at La Mesa for PRT use.

b. Ms. Collier, Navy Exchange

(1) Provided current sales flyers and new NPS NEX information flyers which provide contact numbers and other information about the NEX.

(2) We have been handing out complimentary phone cards such as at the last student orientation as a promotional tool for the phone cards that we sell.

(3) We will soon be able to provide Halaal food for our Muslim community at the NEX. The NEX has acquired a supplier from Washington to provide us with Halaal foods, such as meats, which are very hard to find.

c. LT Dubiou, NMAU

(1) Provided upcoming dates for PRT screenings.

(2) Provided information on the need for personnel to get their screenings early. Please pass this information to your students.

d. LTC Morgan, CALMED

(1) LTC Morgan explained that over the next couple of month's, the clinic will be transitioning to a new electronic system that will electronically record each patient's visit; a digital electronic medical record will be kept in Alabama that captures all visits throughout the system. This is a complex new system that our providers will be learning and will slow down service for the first few days. He explained how the training period will affect servicing to patients.

MAJ Fisher is going to be working on the same day access issue. By the end of April, calling in for same day visits as well as routine visits will be reestablished.

All of the DOD will be transitioning into the medical electronic records system. Eventually all of a member's

medical information will be able to be retrieved from the CAC cards.

e. JOC Martin, PAO

(1) We are working on the initial pre-planning stages for the Memorial Day Concert on the Lawn.

Mr. Dausen explained that the support services within the command are expected to provide assistance for these community special events that are requested; but this can eventually exhaust the support side's ability to provide for the mission needs. This issue may need to be directed to the region and they can set an overall precedent for these community events. Part of the precedent has been built into the PWO's response already, and also the same for Security, etc.

f. COL Smarsh. COL Smarsh explained the status in the upcoming changes of the DLI and NPS dental watch and the procedures for handling dental emergencies.

LT Dubois explained that they have begun negotiations with Monterey Peninsula Dental Group to solidify after-hours calls, so that if an active duty member has a dental emergency, care can be given through the group. Members will be assisted with transportation if needed, and bills will be sent to the clinic.

g. Megan Ryan, MWR

(1) We have a new Child and Youth Programs Director, Theresa Ikstrums. She will be here on 1 May, and is coming here from Germany. She is currently working at an Army Child Development Center.

(2) We are still recruiting for a Training and Curriculum Specialist, which is another key position within Child and Youth Programs.

(3) If anyone is interested in participating, we are still conducting MWR Focus Groups. We usually choose a particular program area to focus on. Usually the fitness program is well attended because of the large interest in the gym.

(4) We have chosen a candidate for the Golf Course/RV Campground Manager, and are hoping that he will accept the position.

(5) The Golf Course Improvement Project is continuing to move forward. We have completed the archeological survey. The draft Request for Proposal (RFP) is being worked on now to go out with a design bid to put in a new irrigation system, new cart paths, new greens, new Tee's, and some redesign of the golf course lay out.

RADM Wells asked about the status of the swimming pool.

Ms. Ryan. Funding is a big consideration for repairing our pool. The issue arose about active duty members having access to a pool to both practice for the PRT program and actually take the PRT swim test. LT Ramirez is going to be working on availability of a location. CAPT Herron has offered to follow up with him.

RADM Wells. The NPS Foundation is trying to work every possible angle to get our pool reopened.

CDR Suess. The estimate is about \$1.5M to recapitalize equipment, in addition there are the annual operating costs.

h. CDR Suess, Public Works

(1) We have repaired the gym's hot water shower valves.

(2) By April, we should have some new directional signage placed around the campus to help visitors locate buildings such as the Visitor's Quarters, academic buildings, NEX, etc. As you come through the gates, individual signs will be positioned along the road as you enter the base, and will read "Turn Here for Visitor Quarters", etc.

(3) The project to recapitalize our steam distribution system is close to beginning. According to the contract it is supposed to begin approximately 1 April. That is predicated on turning off steam at that time, which we have done the last two years. But since we have had a cold winter this year, the date is not definite.

(4) On 3 April, we will begin work on separate furnaces and hot water heaters at the Enclaves; it is a seven-week project. Those quarters will be taken off-line for the period 1 April through 20 May; the project will be done during that time.

(5) FFSC and Personal Property offices were going to have to move, but they are going to stay where they are for the foreseeable future.

(6) The new community center at La Mesa, as part of the RCI project, should open in April. It has a large auditorium and three side rooms with kitchenettes, administrative offices, a 15-yard swimming pool and toddler pool, and a fitness center with locker rooms. The facility is 22,000 square feet.

i. CAPT Herron, Dean of Students

(1) Announced the winter quarter graduation will be held at 1000 on 24 March in King Hall. The Secretary of the Army will be the guest speaker.

(2) New Student Orientation will be next week. We have 85 new students reporting.

j. CDR Kawczynski, Command Religious Program

(1) Reported that he will be leaving soon; his orders are to Cuba and his reporting date is 6 May. He is still working on getting priest coverage, at least for Sunday services, for the months of May and June, because his replacement won't be here until the end of June. If no coverage is found, the people may have to go to Fort Ord for Catholic services.

Mr. Dausen suggested that there are some retired military priests in the area.

CDR Kawczynski replied that they are already contracted.

k. Ms. Collier, NEX. Mr. Dausen and I discussed an idea on how to get students to get to the NEX earlier to purchase their textbooks. We are planning to hold our first ever open house. We are working on the details and I will forward the draft to Mr. Dausen for approval. We are planning for the open house to follow the New Student Orientation, so we will be open until about 8 p.m.

Mr. Dausen. We want to do whatever we can to help the students receive the best value for their books through the NEX.

7. Closing Remarks. Ms. Ryan thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 1405. The next Area Commanders' Quality of Life Policy Board meeting is scheduled on **Tuesday, 6 June 2006, at 1:00 p.m.** in the La Novia Room, NPS.

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